

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1055

By Crowe

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Laura Marian Depue Jablonski of Johnson City.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened and deeply moved to learn of the death of Marian Jablonski; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Jablonski was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for her fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, a native of Beth Ayers, Pennsylvania, Marian Jablonski received her nursing degree from Cooper Hospital in 1936, graduating first in her class; and

WHEREAS, that same year, on November 7, Laura Marian Depue was joined in holy matrimony with Thaddeus Henry Jablonski in Elkton, Maryland; and

WHEREAS, after her husband's graduation from college in 1938, Mrs. Jablonski became a full-time teacher's wife and devoted herself to raising her family; and

WHEREAS, two years later, she and her husband spent a summer at a disabled children's camp in Pennsylvania and decided to put their efforts into working with the handicapped; in 1945, Marian Jablonski's husband accepted a position as an assistant director of the Pennsylvania Society for Crippled Children and Adults, while she continued to serve as the nurse and health officer of the children's camp, in which position she earned the respect of her peers and patients alike for the exemplary quality of her work; and

WHEREAS, in 1952, Marian Jablonski moved with her family to Washington College Academy, where her husband served as the President; she worked as the school's nurse and as a bookkeeper in the business office while also attending to her duties as the school's official hostess; and

WHEREAS, the Jablonskis retired from the Academy in 1980 and moved to Johnson City, where Mrs. Jablonski filled her days with family, friends, and knitting; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Jablonski was an active and devout member of the First Presbyterian Church, which she served faithfully for many years; and

WHEREAS, Marian Jablonski was also deeply devoted to her family, and she always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Jablonski enjoyed the loving companionship of her dedicated husband of seventy-two years, T. Henry Jablonski, who survives her; and

WHEREAS, she was the proud mother of eight: Thaddeus Henry Jablonski, Jr., Alice Leila Smith, Frank Wallace Jablonski, Alfred Emil Jablonski, Jon Steven Jablonski, Kathryn Elizabeth Swayze, Laura Marian Hamilton, and Richard Allen Jablonski; and

WHEREAS, Marian Jablonski was also the doting grandmother of Thaddeus H. Jablonski III, Michael R. Jablonski, Bethany L. Horton, Betsy Hunt, Thayer Smith, Jr., Jeffrey Jablonski, Julie Hamon, Rebecca Phillips, Thomas Jablonski, Susan Lloyd, Leanne Bender, Emily Moss, Toni Swayze, Erin Swayze, Kurt Swayze, Grant Swayze, Abby Swayze, Gail Swayze, Anna Swayze, Alex Swayze, Chad Hamilton, Jeremy Hamilton, Kelly Hamilton, Marianna Jablonski, Alice Jablonski, Tootsie Jablonski, and Teddy Jablonski; and

WHEREAS, she will be fondly remembered by her seventeen great-grandchildren: Christian M. Daniels, Vaughn Hunt, Caroline Hunt, Webb Hunt, Chet Smith, Kate Smith, Nate Jablonski, Eli Jablonski, Cole Hamon, Read Hamon, Kate Phillips, Maisie Phillips, James B. Phillips V, Caleb Lloyd, Joshua Lloyd, Rebekah Lloyd, and Jackson Bender; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Jablonski is further survived by her sister, Alice Perry; and

WHEREAS, Marian Jablonski leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Laura Marian Depue Jablonski, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character and her stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our deepest sympathy and offer our heartfelt condolences to the family of Mrs. Jablonski.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.